



CAUTION AT CROSSWALK: It's high season for pedestrians — and that means a high volume of crossings at the HAWK Signal on 45th at the bike path. **Time for a refresher?** Visit highland.in.gov to see how the signal works as well as motorist safety and etiquette.

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WALKING *to* WEDDING

LINCOLN FITNESS CENTER



COUPLE MEETS AND MARRIES AT HIGHLAND'S LINCOLN CENTER

A year — and hundreds of miles — after he began circling the track at Lincoln Center, Dave Connor's heart has healed in ways he never imagined.

She was a widow from Hammond. He was a widower from Miller. Kathy Lambert said they could meet up for a walk at her usual time and place at Lincoln Center, but never expected him to show up.

He did. On that first day and every day after, he showed up — early. While logging 2.5 miles per day, they discovered all the things they had in common.

In January, he proposed. In May, they wed where it all began.

"We are grateful to Lincoln Center for many things — the gym where we walk, our Indiana wedding, for the many friends we see every day," Connor said.



Parks Secretary Laura Wanicki was invaluable in putting it all together, creating a memorable ceremony.

"We look forward to Sylvester — Lincoln Center's ambassador of cheer — and his happy greeting. We have a workout family we miss if we sit out a day or two," he said. "Lincoln Center made this all possible. Our hearts just wouldn't be the same without them." 🐾

TREASURY TALKS EXAMINE LOCAL TAX DOLLARS, HOW IT'S SPENT

Want to learn how local government generates and uses its tax dollars?

Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin has a mini-series of discussions created just for you. Treasury Talks evolved from conversations with residents who wanted to understand how their government works — and how it works for them.

"How government works and how it is financed is getting more complicated," he said. "It is our mission through our work and more in-depth conversations — such as the Treasury Talks — to educate as well as listen." 🐾



CONVERSATION. KNOWLEDGE. POWER.

Each session will begin with a brief overview followed by discussion with residents. So far, two sessions have been scheduled for the summer. Additional topics will be added based on resident feedback.

WHEN: Both sessions will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Lincoln Community Center, 2450 Lincoln St.

JULY 31: Learn how the town budgets and organizes the finances that pay for public services.

AUGUST 14: Learn about property taxes — how they're raised and spent — as well as property tax caps and how they impact residents and the public treasury.

INFO: Call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (219) 838-1080.

GARBAGE REMINDER

A gentle reminder for Highland residents: Garbage and recycling bins should be placed at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. on the evening before collection day and then promptly removed.

PLEASE NOTE: This month's utility bill reflects the increase in costs for garbage and recycling.

QUESTIONS? Please call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (219) 838-1080.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Learn about recent crime trends at our monthly crime watch meeting.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **JULY 10**

WHERE: HPD Community Room

INFO: Please call Sgt. Shawn Anderson at (219) 838-3184 or email sanderson@highland.in.gov.



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DUE TO HIGH DEMAND, PUBLIC WORKS TO HOST 2ND SHRED DAY FOR RESIDENTS

Demand for Highland's spring Shred Day was so high, the town has scheduled another.

Public Works Director John Bach said the first 2019 event attracted throngs of individuals who overwhelmed Opportunity Enterprises capacity, not only in sheer numbers but in the volume of materials they brought.

"Because there is no registration, we had no idea this program would attract so many people from other communities or that they would bring so many boxes and bags of documents that required shredding," Bach said. "We have remedied that going forward by requiring proof of residency, making it a Highland-only event. We do this as a service to our residents."

Valparaiso-based Opportunity Enterprises began its SecureShred operation in 2003. The company, founded 25 years ago to employ individuals with disabilities, is certified through the National Association for Information Destruction and provides mobile shredding.

HIGHLAND SHRED DAY

The Town of Highland is hosting, for Highland residents only, a free confidential documents shredding event with the following requirements:

- Proof of residency, such as a valid driver's license or utility bill
- No more than four boxes no larger than 12"x18"x10" or four brown paper grocery bags per household.

NOT ACCEPTED: Documents in plastic bags, plastic covers, binder clips, binders and spiral notebooks.

PLEASE NOTE: All documents are shredded onsite. Please recycle all non-confidential documents and other papers bi-weekly in your curbside recycling bin.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 13

WHERE: Highland Public Works Facility, 8001 Kennedy Ave.

INFO: Call (219) 972-5083.

FITNESS MEMBER AND CARDIAC SURVIVOR DONATES \$1,000 FOR NEW AED SUPPLIES

Exactly one year after Mark Sharp was resuscitated by lifesavers at Lincoln Community Center, the family celebrated with a fund-raiser that generated a whopping \$8,500 in donations – all of which is being distributed for training and equipment to help save others.

Sharp, whose heart stopped while he was exercising with his son at the fitness center, said this is the Sharp family's way of giving back.

"There were two vital programs in place that made it so that I am alive today – CPR certification by employees at Lincoln Center and the automatic external defibrillator they had on-site that was used to jump-start my heart," he said.

Nearly half of the money – \$4,000 – is dedicated to monthly free CPR classes for residents at the Highland Fire Department. The goal is to attract individuals who have never been CPR certified.

The Sharp family is divvying up the remaining \$4,500 between Highland schools, parks, police and fire departments.



Fitness member and cardiac survivor Mark Sharp presents a \$1,000 check to Highland Parks & Recreation for new AED supplies.

Recreation Director Dave Byers said Parks and Recreation is using the \$1,000 gift to offset ongoing maintenance costs of its three AEDs.

"I have been given a great gift. I'm back to life and doing even more than I was before the cardiac incident," Sharp said. "This was the best way I could think of saying thank you."

BEYOND THE BORDERS

South Shore posters serve as inspiration for latest mural project in Highland's Art & Sculpture District

CHECK OUT
THE LATEST
DOWNTOWN
MURALS!



BY JUDITH MAYER | FOREIT CLINIC FAÇADE | HIGHWAY AVENUE

Commissioned to do the Highland South Shore poster, Judith Mayer was able to paint her Beyond the Borders interpretation as close to the original as she chose. The mural, which features iconic Highland images such as the Town Theatre and purple tulips, welcomes visitors as they enter downtown from west Ridge Road.

[Mural photos by The Idea Factory]



**BY PATTI TOBIN-DAVIS
EAST FAÇADE | 2821 JEWETT**

"Spring in the Dunes" inspired veteran artist Patti Tobin-Davis to focus on a close-up of spring flowers from the original work. "We thought it particularly interesting and definitely Beyond the Borders," Redevelopment Director Kathy DeGuilio-Fox said. "The wet weather has not been conducive to painting, but we look forward to it being fully installed soon."

**BY JESSICA HAUG
POPA FAÇADE | HIGHWAY**

Jessica Haug, who's drawing inspiration from early classics "Homeward Bound" and "Moonlight in Duneland," is using a street-art style in which she paints directly on the brick without it being primed first. Stay tuned!



PIPELINE UPROOTS TREES

A change in the way NIPSCO monitors its pipelines that run beneath the Erie-Lackawanna and LaPorte Street bike paths is making a noticeable change in the landscape.

A total of 53 memorial trees — donated by families in honor of a loved one — are impacted between 45th and Kennedy and along LaPorte Street. NIPSCO is relocating dozens of others in the path of the pipeline. Those that are small enough are being relocated in the same vicinity, if possible. Those that are too large are being cut down.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Alex Brown said NIPSCO is providing a tree inventory to the nursery of the town's choice to provide replacements designated for areas that will not interfere with the pipeline monitoring program.

INFO: If you have donated a tree and would like to choose its replacement, please call the Parks and Recreation office at (219) 838-0114.

ALL-CLASS REUNION

The Highland High School All-Class reunion features food, music and fun. Local businesses, which donate food, cash and raffle items, have helped organizers keep the ticket price at \$10 — and provide an ample surplus that is donated each year to Highland High School.

WHEN: 7 p.m.-midnight **AUGUST 3**

WHERE: American Legion Hall

INFO: Call Kim at (832) 461-5063.

BUS TRIP TO CUBS GAME

Come out and watch the Chicago Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Let Highland Parks and Rec take care of the transportation and seating.

WHEN: **AUGUST 4** - bus departs Lincoln Center three hours before first pitch (1:20 p.m.) and returns about two hours after game ends.

WHERE: Wrigley Field

FEE: \$99 includes ticket in Section 209, Row 20-22 and round-trip transportation. Limited tickets are available and can only be purchased in advance at the Lincoln Center.

INFO: Call (219) 838-0114

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Grab a comfy lawn chair and head to Main Square Park for the acoustical entertainment from 5 to 6 p.m. and live bands from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. on Saturdays through August 24. Here's a look at our upcoming entertainment:

- JULY 13:** Angie Campbell
Manny & The Crescent City Po'Boys
- Dixieland Jazz
- JULY 20:** Kris & DJ
The Generation Gap - funk, soul, R&B
- AUG 17:** Carl Leach
Yes Say - R&B-Dance-Motown covers

WHERE: Main Square Park Gazebo

NOTE: In the event of inclement weather, call Lincoln Center for updated information.

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

Tee-off at the 2019 golf outing sponsored by the Highland-Griffith Chamber of Commerce.

WHEN: 11 a.m. registration & lunch, noon shotgun start **JULY 19**

WHERE: Wicker Park Golf Course

FEE: \$125 per person includes lunch, golf, cart, dinner, drink tickets, door prize, cash prizes on every hole, putting contest and skins game.

RESERVATIONS: Call (219) 923-3666 or sign up with mary@highlandgriffithchamber.com.

ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA™

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to chocolate-covered life during this summer's theatre production at Main Square Park. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and bug spray. Concession stand will be open. Programs are \$2. All proceeds help offset the cost of production.

WHEN: 8 p.m. **JULY 25-27** and **AUGUST 1-3**

WHERE: Main Square Park Gazebo

INFO: (219) 838-0114 or highlandparks.org

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Please join New Life Christian Reformed Church for a family picnic from 5:30-6:30 p.m. as well as family-friendly games, crafts and fun activities from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

WHEN: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, **JULY 24**, **JULY 31** and **AUGUST 7**

WHERE: New Life Christian Reformed Church, 3010 Ridge Road

INFO: (219) 838-0506 or newlifecrc.com

ROTARY CORN ROAST

Join us for all the corn you can eat plus two hot dogs or one sausage, chips, drink and dessert. Proceeds benefit Highland scholarships and park, fire and police departments.

WHEN: 4-7:30 p.m. Friday, **AUGUST 2**

WHERE: Main Square Park

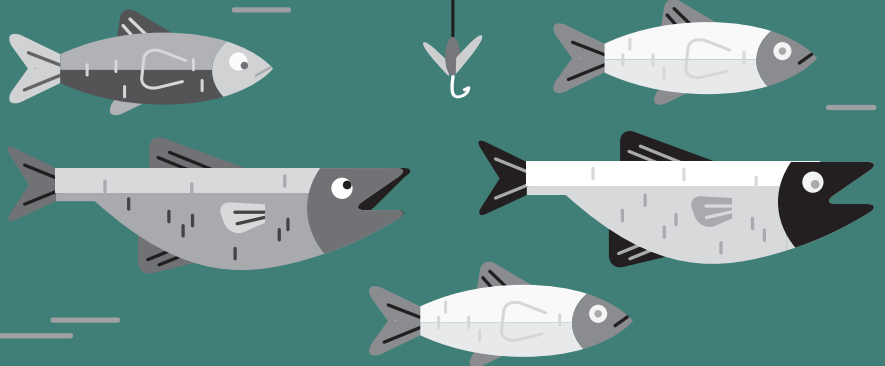
TICKETS: \$7 in advance at the chamber, Cakes by Karen and Lincoln Center or \$9 at the park.

INFO: (219) 923-3666

HIGHLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Fishing Derby

SATURDAY JULY 13



KIDS DERBY | AGES 6-13

Boys and girls are invited for a morning of fishing activities and a catch-and-release tournament. Register by July 11.

When: 8-10 p.m. Saturday, July 13

Where: Meadows Park pond

Fee: \$7 residents / \$10 nonresidents

Note: Bring your own pole, hooks and bobbers. Limited bait provided.

ADULT DERBY | AGES 14+

Contestants will participate in catch-and-release tournament. Prizes will be handed out for the longest fish in four categories - bass, catfish, carp and panfish. Register by July 11.

When: 3-9 p.m. Saturday, July 13

Where: Meadows Park pond

Fee: \$10 residents / \$13 nonresidents

Note: Bring your own pole, hooks and bobbers. Limited bait provided.

SAVE THE DATE: LAST CALL FOR SUMMER

The sultriest days of summer will be the setting for Highland's 2nd annual Last Call for Summer. The last hurrah before school starts, the event features original local music, food, a children's craft tent and a beer garden operated by Highland's Beer Geeks.

WHEN: 3-8 p.m. Saturday, **AUGUST 10**

WHERE: Main Square Park

INFO: Call the Redevelopment Department at (219) 972-7598 or email lryskamp@highland.in.gov. Check Highland Redevelopment Commission's Facebook page or #LastCall4Summer for updates!